## **VISION**

Provide a safe environment where female offenders are treated with dignity and respect and receive effective gender-responsive services.

### **Mission**

Provide female offenders with gender-responsive supervision, treatment, and services that increase opportunities for successful reintegration into their communities, while reducing the number of females incarcerated in California.

# **Gender-responsive**

Gender-responsive means creating an environment through site selection, staff selection, program development, content, and material that reflects an understanding of the realities of women's lives and addresses the issues of the participants. Gender-responsive approaches are multi-dimensional and are based on theoretical perspectives that acknowledge women's pathways into the criminal justice system. These approaches address social (e.g., poverty, race, class, and gender inequality) and cultural factors, as well as therapeutic intervention. These interventions address issues such as abuse, violence, family relationships, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders. They provide a strength-based approach to treatment and skill building. The emphasis is on self-efficacy. (Bloom and Covington, 2000)

### **Prison Rape Elimination Act**

In 2003, President Bush signed into law the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA, pl 108-79). To ensure compliance with PREA and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's goal for a safe, humane, secure environment, free from sexual misconduct, each new participant will receive upon arrival to the program, an informational pamphlet concerning Sexual Assault Awareness, and will have the opportunity to discuss this subject with a counselor.

Sexual misconduct of any kind is strictly prohibited. All cases of sexual assault or rape are investigated as criminal investigations. The suspect may be prosecuted for a criminal offense, and if found guilty of a felony, additional prison time may be added to their current sentence in accordance with current California Law. The offender will be required to register as a sex offender upon release from prison.

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## What is FRCCC?



The Female Offender Programs and Services (FOPS) Unit within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is committed to providing gender-responsive services to eligible female offenders in order to improve readiness for a successful re-integration into society.

The Female Rehabilitative Community Correctional Center (FRCCC) is a re-entry option for non-serious, non-violent women, with 36 months or less to serve in custody.

FRCCC offers gender-specific "wraparound" services such as:

- educational
- ♦ healthcare
- mental health
- vocational
- substance abuse and trauma treatment

The wraparound services are designed to ensure that each female offender has every opportunity to address her challenges in order to break the destructive pathways that lead to crime.

# The Program

The FRCCC program includes, but is not limited to:

- Milestone Credit Earning
- ♦ Program Orientation
- ♦ Risk and Needs Assessment
- Individual Treatment and Rehabilitative Plan
- Coordinated Case Management
- ♦ Trauma Treatment
- Substance Abuse Education and Treatment Counseling
- ♦ Domestic Violence Prevention
- ♦ Life Skills Development
- ♦ Family Focused Services
- Parenting Skill Training Educational Service
- ♦ GED Preparation
- Vocational/Job Readiness Services
- ♦ Discharge / Aftercare Planning,
- ♦ Alumni Group Participation.
- ♦ Family Reunification Counseling



### The Benefit

The safe gender-responsive environment in FRCCC assists in transitioning a female offender from prison back to her home community and will improve her quality of life for herself and her family.



Currently, an inmate who leaves prison is returned to her county of last legal residence with few skills to prepare her for success.

The FRCCC is designed to allow for a transition period where the female offender can reconnect with the local community, involve herself in programs tailored to meet her needs, and develop a plan for a crime-free life upon release.